

Mark W. Smith, Chairman
John Sullivan, Vice Chairman
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Bradford County Commissioners Office

RESOLUTION 2009-05

A RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET THAT MAINTAINS FUNDING FOR CORE GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND DOES NOT SHIFT COSTS TO THE LOCAL LEVEL.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania House and Senate are currently engaged in budget deliberations for the adoption of the 2009-2010 commonwealth budget to take effect when the current state fiscal year expires on June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth budget has deep and widespread impact on the overall financial standing of the county budget; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Senate has passed a budget bill with devastating cuts to core government services, including mandated and entitlement services that must be provided regardless of available funding from the state; and

WHEREAS, these cuts impact an array of services important to Bradford County including the human services safety net that supports county residents in need, the judicial system and public safety, community and economic development, the environment, and industries such as tourism and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Bradford County board of commissioners has an obligation and responsibility to balance its budget while relying nearly exclusively on the property tax for local revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Bradford County board of commissioners also opposes actions by state leaders which limit fiscal authority and superimpose state priorities over priorities developed locally, and

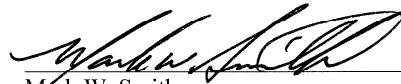
WHEREAS, a state budget that fails to fund the state's obligations for core government services does not result in real taxpayer savings because a greater burden of costs for these services is passed to the local level; and

WHEREAS, a commonwealth budget that passes costs to the local level will be detrimental to the property tax payers of this county.

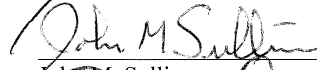
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, THAT:

1. The Bradford County Board of Commissioners hereby joins with counties across the state in urging the General Assembly to adopt a responsible budget that maintains funding for core government services and does not shift costs to the local level.
2. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to all members of the Bradford County delegation to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Governor Edward G. Rendell, and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

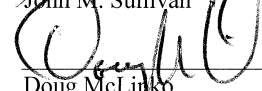
ADOPTED BY THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS on the 28th day of May, 2009.



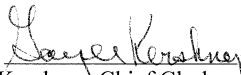
Mark W. Smith



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Attest: 
Gayle Kershner, Chief Clerk